

POETRY.

My Sister.
 Rejoice, my sister, I am
 free, the farmer's daughter,
 (singing in her own way)
 dipping up the water.

She had thrown her hat aside,
 and her arms were raised;
 and her eyes were shining,
 and her cheeks were flushed;
 and her heart was glad,
 and her soul was free.

Many years have passed away,
 but I drink life's foam to-day,
 with the farmer's daughter.

MISCELLANY.

HOW TO KEEP A HOTEL.

First, don't call it a tavern, or an inn, or a hotel, even.

Call it a house, and name it after some great capitalist, or Indian, or Saint—

—“Marion Hotel,” “White-Cloud Hotel,” or “St. John’s Hotel.”

That sounds well, and links the traveler’s

carriage to the ground.

It costs a great deal of the labor of a

Thousand Flowers and Night Blooming Cereus

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THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

The House is nearly identical with the bill

for the same purpose which has passed in

the Senate, but differs from the latter in

extending the Bureau's jurisdiction over

freemen and refugees in all parts of the

country; reducing officers' salaries; giv-

ing other lands, at the end of three years,

to the negroes settled by General Sherman

on South Carolina and Georgia coast planta-

tions, and in some other respects.

Mr. MORRIS'S BILL, prepared to hit the

cases of fugitive holders of our Railroad

securities, which have hitherto escaped tax-

ation, and the cases of those who render their

income returns a gold basis out-pay their

taxes in paper, was passed by the House

on the 7th.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS. IMPORTANT SPEECH

OF LOUIS NAPOLEON.—The speech of the Emper-

or of Mexico to the French Legislature, brought

by the late arrival, contains the following

important passages:

In Mexico the Government founded by the

people has been established. The country is

now a united people, and the people are no

longer a prey to the national troops. There is

no longer a civil war, and the country has

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